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SUBJECT: UN MEMBERSHIP FOR KOREA

REF: A) SEOUL 3890; B) 75 USUN 4412 (NOTAL)

1. WE INTERPRET SCENARIO OUTLINED BY FORMIN (REFTEL A)
TO MEAN THAT ROKG DOES NOT INTEND IN NEAR FUTURE TO
RESUBMIT ITS APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP, BUT IS
CONSIDERING ONLY CIRCULATING A MEMORANDUM REITERATING
ITS DESIRE FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. (WE HOPE THIS IS THE CASE
SINCE A FORMAL APPLICATION NOW WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY
BE VETOED BY USSR OR PRC AND COULD HAVE THE GENERAL
EFFECT OF STIMULATING UN MEMBER INTEREST IN KOREA.)
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2. IF THIS INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT, WE SEE NO HARM
IN PROPOSED PROCEDURE SO LONG AS TIMING IS RIGHT. WE
BELIEVE SUCH A MEMORANDUM SHOULD NOT BE CIRCULATED
BEFORE VIETNAM IS ADMITTED BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE INTERPRETED
AS AN ROK EFFORT TO COMPLICATE VIETNAM'S APPLICATION,
WHICH MIGHT BE HELD AGAINST ROK BY OTHER MEMBERS. IN

ADDITION, MEMORANDUM PROBABLY SHOULD NOT APPEAR TOO CLOSE TO OPENING OF GA SESSION AS THIS COULD LEAD NORTH KOREA'S SUPPORTER'S TO TAKE SOME COUNTERACTION, PERHAPS ON MISTAKEN ASSUMPTION THAT ROK SUPPORTERS WERE MOUNTING AN INITIATIVE.

3. IN REVIEWING "JUSTIFICATION MEMO" CITED BY FORMIN PARK (REFTEL B), WE NOTE IT SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO RESUBMITTING ROKG APPLICATION FOR UN MEMBERSHIP. ASSUMING ROKG SIMPLY WISHES TO RESTATE ITS POSITION ON MEMBERSHIP, THAT "MEMO" SHOULD BE MODIFIED AS APPROPRIATE OR NOT ATTACHED TO MEMORANDUM UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. YOU SHOULD RECALL TO FORMIN THAT US OF COURSE CONTINUES TO SUPPORT FULLY UN MEMBERSHIP FOR ROK AND, WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, WILL WORK VIGOROUSLY TOWARD THAT END.

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